

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application claims 10-16, of which claim 10 is independent. No claims have been added or cancelled.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the above application is respectfully sought.

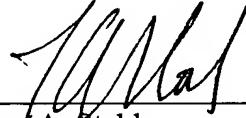
Initially, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment as they are believed to improve upon the clarity of the application and place it in better form. More specifically, the wherein clause in claim 10 has been amended to clearly read on Figure 6. Thus, claim 10 recites that the vibration element 1 is in contact with the moving element (7, 7a) at a surface of the vibration element 1 (i.e., the upper surface) opposite to a surface of the vibration element 1 (i.e., lower surface) to which the electromechanical conversion element 4 is fixed.

Applicant respectfully submits that with the above amendments to claim 10, it is clear that there is accurate written description of the claimed subject matter in the specification, and, more specifically, in Figure 6 and the corresponding description thereof. Thus, the projection portion 3 is provided on the upper surface of the vibration element 1 and also the projection portion 3 faces an inner diameter portion of the moving element (7, 7a), as recited in the claim. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection based on § 112, first paragraph, is respectfully sought.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments after final as they are being presented in an earnest effort to advance prosecution and place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the above application is respectfully sought.

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Respectfully submitted,

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